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## GREAT CREDIT TO JAPAN

*Able and Broad Minded Handling of the Difficult Question of Immigration of Her Subjects.*

Commenting upon an interview with Count Hayashi, which is published elsewhere, the Japan Gazette pays compliments to Japanese diplomacy and statesmanship in line with the idea that future judgment would probably award high honor to the Japanese national leaders who have been able so quickly to grasp the situation. It says that they have given "proof of the possession of remarkable diplomatic breadth and capability." In the following comments the same paper shows a fine appreciation of the intelligent view of the whole immigration question: "It is especially interesting to note that the Japanese Foreign Office has been courageous enough to rise above the common view that this immigration question is a matter to be treated racially. The best thought in the West recognizes that it is basically economic and so should be treated on economic principles. Lord Amthill in a recent speech at Paris referred specially to this: 'In all our great Colonies,' he said, 'there has arisen a strong anti-Asiatic feeling—there is a strong determination to prevent the immigration of Asiatics, in order that they may not compete with white men in trade and in the labor market. It is in no way a question of racial antipathy, for white men manage to live in Asiatic countries without engendering any such feeling, but simply one of economic jealousy. It is a quarrel between white men and white men, because some of them resent the competition of the colored immigrants whom the others find it an advantage to call to their assistance.' This has been plainly shown in the demand for Japanese labor in California orchards and for Canadian railways, &c., and it is now admitted by Japan. 'We wish to develop through foreign trade,' practically says Japan, 'and although emigration is an important matter, still foreign trade is more important. Ergo, we must subordinate emigration to the interests of foreign trade.' We might add 'temporarily' for there can be little doubt that increased commercial inter-communication tends to equalize economic and other international conditions, thus automatically removing international barriers.

"But in the meantime, it cannot be doubted that Japan's masterly handling of these two delicate international problems will inure greatly to the enhancement of her diplomatic reputation abroad. China should come next without delay."

Mr. Whitehouse is getting ready to go to work, and so we shall probably soon hear from Mr. Patterson.

If Taft is nominated American politicians ought to adopt the British custom of speaking of standing for office instead of running.

Sooner or later the escaped prisoner here nearly always falls into the clutches of the police. The land is not big enough to disappear in, and exits are easily watched.

The story of an English bishop who constantly exclaimed "Croton" while playing golf, because it was the biggest dam in the country, suggests obvious new uses for the word Nuuanu.

Japan's commercial policy of subsidizing every industry that seems to need it tends to make of the whole nation one vast aggressive firm. How are competing nations to meet it except by a system of subsidizing and paternalism at which American revolt?

Jimmy Britt has been matched for another big fight, so it is to be presumed that his ulna is all right again. To Britt belong the immortal prize ring distinction of having invented a new excuse for quitting.

Tokyo papers report that the President of the Kokoku Emigration Co. has returned home with a favorable contract with the Brazilian Government. Brazil is considered to be more hopeful than Hawaii. Three thousand emigrants are to be sent yearly subject to the permission of the Foreign Office which is shortly expected.

Sentiment will probably prevent the American people from ever doing anything with the Filipino but putting him on his municipal feet and telling him to try and walk, if the future develops the expected impossibility of real union with him. In the meantime the nation has reason to be thankful that victories such as it gloriously won in the war with Spain don't come often.

The Aldrich financial bill, which has been announced as reported in the senate provides that national banks may issue emergency circulation by consent of the Secretary of the Treasury, the Comptroller of the Currency and the Treasurer of the United States, the notes to be secured by deposits of municipal and railroad bonds such as savings-banks buy, and to be taxed at the rate of six per cent. a year.

"S.E.B." whose utterances are always received with respect, has in the Friend an article on the growth of Socialism which ends with a somewhat gloomy view of the future: "The strongest agency for maintaining social order in the past has been the Christian Church educating men in God's Law as revealed in His Holy Book. Reverence for that book is rapidly declining, and with the enormous development of Science and universal education, mankind are falling into a condition as if a maze of highly electrified wires were spread among them, unprotected by proper insulation. The future of these growing conditions is not encouraging to the stability of our enormous and complex civilization."

The splendidly impressive services of last Thursday in memory of the late King and Prince of Portugal brought out again Honolulu's remarkable cosmopolitanism. One could not help noticing that the Chinese representatives present held as ever to their own national costume. Japanese were present, but you didn't see them in kimono or anything else but proper European black. The Japanese has so adopted western dress that we are used to seeing him in it, but how often have you seen a Chinese, not Hawaiian, attired for such an occasion in the

# The Man and His Job

By HERBERT J. HAPGOOD.

Don't give the boss a black eye. The employee who knocks the man he is working for, is poisoning the spring from which he drinks. Be loyal to your employer. If you cannot be loyal, you can at least be honest. You have two alternatives. You can boost, or you can quit, and my advice to the young man is, if you can't boost your boss, leave his employ forever.

Some time ago a young chap who was employed as a clerk in a large manufacturing establishment, came into my office and without the slightest provocation on my part, began to abuse the head of the firm in the most violent manner imaginable. He called that man every thing from a thief to a jack-ass. Jessie James and Jack-the-Kipper were Sunday School children as compared with his boss. In fact, according to the real statements of the young hammer artist, his employer was guilty of every crime known to business pirates.

After he was all through I turned to him and said: "Young man, I have never met your employer and know nothing about him. So being unacquainted with the facts of the case, I am not entitled to a judgment as to his real character and business integrity, but if he is as bad as you have painted him, why in thunder don't you, as a self-respecting young man, get out of his employ?"

Never in my life have I seen a more embarrassed man. He did everything to avoid meeting my eye and finished by trying to explain that in his excitement he had possibly exaggerated the shortcomings of his employer.

This little experience made an indelible impression on my mind and I can but half emphasize how low-down mean it is for an employee to try and knock the boss. Don't do it; for to the mind of any sensible man, your roasts will only be reflected, and you yourself will be scalded good and hot. Every time you try to give your boss a black eye, you give yourself a bloody nose.

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## Tales Worth Telling

### HELPING PAPA.

The superintendent of the Sunday school suggested that the children make up a Christmas basket for the poor and each child contribute 5 cents, earning it himself or herself.

When the class was gathered together the children were called up before the superintendent to tell how they had earned their nickel. When several of them had told the superintendent asked, with his most benevolent smile, "Now, little Clara, tell us how you earned your money?"

In childish pride Clara announced, "Why, I made my nickel by carrying empty beer bottles down the cellar for papa."

### BOY WANTED.

A small boy passing down Chestnut street the other day saw a placard in a window reading "Boy wanted. Apply within." As this boy was in this business, looking for a job, he went in and asked for the boss. Getting an interview, he asked:

"Do you want a boy?"

"Yes," replied the merchant.

"What kind of a boy does yer want?"

"Oh a nice quiet boy who doesn't use naughty words, smoke cigarettes, whistle around the office, play tricks or get into mischief of any kind."

"Gwan; youse don't want a boy; youse wants a girl."

### A POOR SCHOLAR.

The other day a professor leaving the University was approached by a seedy individual, who pathetically asked: "Won't you help a poor scholar with a dime?"

The coin bestowed, the learned man said: "You tell me you are a poor scholar?"

"Sure," answered the other, "I never went to school in me life. So long."

### THE REASON.

It was Monday morning and the rent

collector was pursuing his task. His bag was getting heavy when he reached the house of Mrs. McPherson. Little Johnnie opened the door and said, "Mother and father are out; will you please call on Friday?"

"And why on Friday, my little man?" asked the collector.

"That's what I don't know," replied Johnnie, "unless it's because we are going to leave on Thursday."

### FUTURE ASSURED.

A young man made a good deal of money, but being extravagant was always in debt. He finally married a woman of great wealth. At breakfast during the honeymoon the bride said to him tenderly:

"Does the fact that I have money, dearest, make any difference to you?"

"To be sure it does, my love" he answered.

"What difference?" she asked.

"Why," said he "it is such a comfort to know that if I should die you'd be provided for."

"And if I should?" said the bride.

"Then," he returned, "I'd be provided for."

### PROMPT.

A reporter, interviewing Thomas A. Edison, about his remarkable \$1,000 cement house—a house that will be molded and ready for occupancy in a few days—pointed out certain objections to the structure.

These objections caused Mr. Edison to smile.

"You have not yet seen my house," he said, "and you find fault with it. Isn't that rather previous? You, my young friend, are more previous than a girl my assistants have been telling me about."

"The first day of—let us say 1908—New Year day—a man proposed to this girl and was accepted."

"But," she said "I must insist that our engagement be kept secret for a twelve-month."

"Why?" said the man in dismay. He had looked forward to a speedy marriage.

"Because, dear," she answered "it is leap year now and people might think I had done the proposing."

trappings of the accident? They stick to their own costume. It used to be an argument of the sandlot orator of California that they would not adopt American dress and customs. Now his argument against the Japanese is that they do adopt the American dress and customs too much,—and beat the American in a commercial way in doing it.

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